

From Our House to Your House

Excuse me, have you seen my doggie?

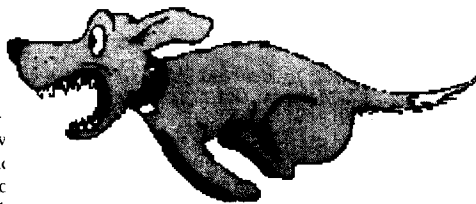
Owning a pet can be a meaningful and wonderful experience. Among the many health benefits of pet ownership, pets allow people to engage in laughter and fun as well as exercise. Most importantly, pets allow people to experience a loyal and loving friendship that lasts for many years. However, this friendship comes with responsibility. Since you and your family have determined that you are ready for a pet don't forget the responsibilities of owning a pet. The following information plays a role in having a pet in your home and in the life of your family at Naval Base Ventura County.

Only the usual household pets (domestic dogs, cats, birds, fish, hamsters, guinea pigs and gerbils) are allowed in Military Family Housing in accordance with the Family Housing Occupant Handbook. Some of the housing areas have pet restrictions and regulations. Unfortunately, residents of Midway Estates and Pearl Court are not allowed to have dogs or cats in their housing areas.

The keeping of pets, where permitted, is a conditional privilege extended to residents who exhibit responsible behavior in the control of their pets. You are financially and legally responsible for your pets. Residents must comply with state and local laws governing pet ownership, including laws regarding pet licensing, micro chipping and shots. The Ventura County Animal Control Agency is responsible for enforcing animal control ordinances in the Catalina Heights Housing area. Veterinary Clinic, Housing and Force Protection are responsible for enforcing animal control ordinances at the housing areas within Point Mugu and Port Hueneme.

Dog and cat owners must comply with local licensing and immunization laws. By Navy regulation, all dogs and cats maintained on government property (which includes housing areas not physically located on a base) MUST have a current rabies vaccination and a microchip. Proof of vaccination and microchip must be provided upon request.

Pets must be registered with the Housing Office on the day quarters are accepted or within seven days of acquiring a new pet. Occupants found to have unauthorized, un-



registered pets will be required to remove these pets from the housing area or vacate government quarters. Failure to comply with the pet policy could cause the loss of your pet ownership privileges or your privilege of living in Family Housing. An occupant who has been required to remove a pet due to violations of the pet policy will not be permitted to acquire any other pets for the duration of residency.

A maximum of two pets per household is allowed, excluding fish or small caged pets (guinea pigs, hamsters and gerbils). Neither pet sitting or guests' pets are allowed in pet restricted areas at any time. Note: when pet sitting make sure you are not in violation of the two pets per household requirement. Maintaining a pet within a pet restricted area (Midway Estates or Pearl Court) at any time will be grounds for eviction from government quarters. Any pets found in these areas must be removed on the day of notification. Pets are not to be walked in pet restricted areas or on playgrounds.

Dogs are not allowed out of the quarters, except in a fenced yard or walked on a leash held in the hands of a person capable of properly controlling the pet. All stray and loose pets will be turned over to the proper animal control agency for impounding. Pets will not be tethered or tied up at any time. Pets must never be kept in garages. Pets are not permitted to remain in quarters or yards when the resident leaves for a period of 24 hours or more. Pets, which are registered with the Housing Office, may be cared for at neighbors' home provided the visiting pet does not exceed the two pet household limits. Caring for pets, which are not registered, is not permitted in the housing neighborhoods.

If pets become a nuisance by making excessive noise (such as barking, growling, whining, howling, meowing) or destroying government property (grounds or structures),

Housing offices consolidate onto Port Hueneme

The two housing offices of Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) have been consolidated. Now all housing information can be obtained at one convenient location at Welcome Center, Bldg. 1169, CBC Port Hueneme. According to Lt. Kevin Quinette, the Public Works Sheltering Facilities Officer, this joining of forces will "provide better service to the community by gaining efficiency and resources."

The housing office assists in house hunting for military personnel and their dependents. The office provides literature on housing available in the area as well as information on the housing set-aside program, which drastically cuts down the cost of moving into a new apartment. One on one counseling will be offered for anyone who needs help finding a home at his or her new duty station.

An informative newsletter is being put together to give Sailors easy access to housing information. It can be found on the NBVC website under "Family Housing News." For more information and housing assistance, call the office at 982-4321.

the owner will be required to remedy the situation immediately or remove the pet from the housing area. Pets must be under complete control of their owners at all times, even when kept in a fenced yard.

Damages made by pets to grounds and/or quarters must be repaired within ten days after the Housing Office notifies the owner. When damage caused by your pet to quarters or grounds is discovered, you are responsible for immediate restoration of the property and must indicate what measures will be taken to avoid further occurrences. Upon termination of quarters, established repairs to damaged grounds must be completed and ready for your final inspection.

Daily cleanup after pets is required. Once a week or once a month is insufficient. Cleanup includes your fenced yard areas and the cleaning of litter boxes. Immediate

cleanup after walking pets in common areas is mandatory. Violators are subject to disciplinary action, which can lead to eviction from family housing. Pet bites must be reported immediately to Force Protection personnel, local animal control agency, the Base Veterinary Clinic and the Family Housing Office. The Housing Office personnel will investigate pet bites.

Results of the investigation may require permanent removal of the pet from the housing area. Please remember, you are responsible for the actions of your pets even when the pets are contained in a fenced yard.

Being a responsible pet owner and providing proper pet etiquette – will help make owning a pet a wonderful experience – enjoy your pet and pet privileges while living in Family Housing at the Naval Base Ventura County!

Guest passes

It has been brought to our attention that some of our military housing residents have guests (significant others, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends, etc.) living in government housing on a permanent basis without proper authorization/guest passes. If this applies to you, please note that you are abusing one of your privileges pertaining to living in military government housing and could possibly be directed by the Commanding Officer of the Naval Base Ventura County to vacate your unit.

Your guest is our guest – but only for a short time. Your guests are welcome in Family Housing. The Family Housing Occupant Handbook definition of a guest is a relative or friend who visits you in your home for a few hours, perhaps a week or two or up to a month. Please understand your guests are welcome to stay no longer than 30 days per year.

Guest awaiting bona fide dependency status are not permitted to remain in your quarters for more than the 30 days per year. Homeless individuals or individuals residing within the Ventura County area are not permitted to be a guest in your Military Family Housing quarters for more than seven days. Military members and/or their family members attached to a local command may not



visit for more than seven days. Exceptions to the policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be submitted in advance through the sponsor's command to the Family Housing Director.

Accepting rent from your guests is strictly prohibited. Leasing or subleasing (sublets) of government quarters by the assigned occupant is prohibited. Guests in your quarters are subject to the requirements of Navy regulations, civil law, the California Motor Vehicle Code and rules for occupancy of Military Family Housing. You, as the sponsor, will be held accountable for the actions of your guests.

Guests visiting for less than seven days must obtain a guest pass from the Base Force Protection Department. Guests visiting more than seven days must be registered at the Housing Office and must provide a valid identification card.

The good neighbor policy (benefits you)

The Housing Handbook informs all of us of the quiet hours for our neighborhoods when our residents are most likely to be sleeping or sleeping. Please observe the regulations for the peace of mind of everyone.

Quiet time is 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. On the weekend the late hour is extended to midnight. Residents may be asked to leave their homes. Beginning on Friday, the quiet hours will be 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Please don't let the party become too loud or late and keep your neighbors' peace of mind.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations and/or complaints regarding any noisy neighbor problem please inform the Housing Office.